

USA 1393-63
14 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Materiel Division, USA
SUBJECT: Procurement of Magnetic Tape for
Testing and Evaluation

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1. Recent equipment changes at [] have necessitated the use of a new type of magnetic tape for duping tapes from Systems III and VI. Experience to date indicates that this new tape (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Type 490) may be superior in many ways to the standardized tape used formerly at [] and presently at [].

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2. In order to more thoroughly evaluate this tape, and other tape types which may prove to be even more adaptable to our requirements, the [] Communications Staff will be requested to run a series of tests during routine training flights. Hopefully, the results of this evaluation will permit standardization of one tape type to be used by all detachments for both mission recording and tape duping.

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3. It is therefore requested that the following be supplied to []

Item 1 60 reels, magnetic tape

Type 490, Mfd. by
Minnesota Mining &
Manufacturing Co.

Item 2 60 reels, magnetic tape

Type 290, Mfd. by
Minnesota Mining &
Manufacturing Co.

Both tape types are 1/4 inch wide, and should be supplied on 10 1/2-inch reels.

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Chief, Communications Staff
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